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#### 1 When will the test label file be extracted from SAIS?

The ADE will create the test label extract file for the 2006-07 school year. CTB/McGraw-Hill will produce test labels from the extract file sent to them by ADE. Data reported to the Student Accountability Information System (SAIS) will be used to provide the needed student test label information. Please refer to the AIMS Testing timeline at Appendix A for specific dates.

#### 2 How do I assign a student a "Group Name?"

A student can be assigned a "Group Name" using the SAIS Student Test Label transaction (022). The testing group name will be used to sort the labels within a grade. Typically, the group name contains the Teacher's name.

#### 3 What if I don't want to use "Group Name?"

If you do not want to use "Group Name," your labels will be sorted alphabetically by grade for each school. There is no need to send in a Student Test Label Transaction in this instance.

#### 4 What student demographic information will be sent to the testing company – CTB McGraw-Hill?

The following SAIS information in Table 1 will be sent to create a label for a student.

#### Data Types:

N: Numeric – Valid characters are 0-9 A: Alphabetic – Valid characters are A-Z

AN: Alphanumeric - Valid characters are A-Z, 0-9, and space

#### Table 1 - Master Test Label File Specification

Field Name in Pre-id File	Data Type	Start	Length	Valid Values / Rules	Source
District Number (AZ entity number)	N	01	5	Valid district numbers which are identified in the district and school file	Production Database
School Number (AZ entity number)	N	06	5	Valid school numbers which are identified in the district and school file	Production Database
District Name	AN	11	15	The district name will be retrieved from district and school file	Production Database
School Name	AN	26	15	The school name will be retrieved from district and school file	Production Database
Grade	AN	41	2	9,10, 11, 12, Blank	SAIS Enrollment



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Field Name in Pre-id File	Data Type	Start	Length	Valid Values / Rules	Source
Student's Last Name	А	43	20		SAIS Enrollment
Student's First Name	Α	63	15		SAIS Enrollment
Student's Middle Initial	Α	78	1		SAIS Enrollment
Filler	А	79	2	Blank	N/A
SAIS Number	N	81	8	Exclude values outside the range 530000 - 30000000  Right justified	SAIS Enrollment
Student ID Number	N	89	10		SAIS Enrollment
Date of Birth	N	99	8		Fatal
Month	N	99	2	01-12	Fatal
Day	N	101	2	01-31	Fatal
Year	N	103	4	1980-1999	Fatal
Gender	А	107	1	F = Female, M M = Male	Fatal
Group Name	А	108	15	Teacher Name	SAIS Test Label Transaction
Cohort Group	N	123	2	06 = 2006 and below 07 = 2007 08 = 2008	SAIS - Calculated
Ethnic Background	N	125	1	<ol> <li>White (Not Hispanic)</li> <li>Black or African American (Not Hispanic)</li> <li>Hispanic or Latino</li> <li>American Indian or Alaskan Native</li> <li>Asian or Pacific Islander</li> </ol>	SAIS Enrollment Transaction



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Field Name in Pre-id File	Data Type	Start	Length	Valid Values / Rules	Source
Did the student start this school year at this school?	А	126	1	Y= Yes; N= No If the student enrolled in the school within the first 2 weeks, the value will be "Y"; otherwise it will be "N".	SAIS - Calculated
Number of years in the School	N	127	1	0 = Less than 1 1 = 1 2 = 2 3 = 3 4 = 4 5 = 5 6 = 6 7 = more than 6	SAIS - Calculated
Did the student start this school year at this district?	A	128	1	Y= Yes; N= No	SAIS - Calculated
Primary Language	N	129	1	1 = English 2 = Spanish 3 = Navajo 4 = Other	SAIS Enrollment Transaction
Special Program Membership	AN	130	7		
Title I	AN	130	1	Y = Yes; Blank = No	SAIS Transaction 015, where available
English Language Learner	AN	131	1	Y = Yes; Blank = No	SAIS Transaction 013, where available
Blank	AN	132	1	Blank	N/A
Migrant Education	AN	133	1	Y = Yes; Blank = No	COEStar / SAIS, where available



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Field Name in Pre-id File	Data Type	Start	Length	Valid Values / Rules	Source
Special Education	AN	134	1	Y = Yes; Blank = No	SAIS Transaction 014, where available
Gifted Education	AN	135	1	Y = Yes; Blank = No	SAIS Transaction 015, where available
Blank	AN	136	1	Blank	N/A
Blank	AN	137	1	Blank	N/A
Level of English Proficiency (Question 7)	AN	138	1	1 = ELL (English Language Learner) 2 = FEP (Fluent English Proficient Blank	SAIS Transaction 012, where available
Beginning in Grade 1, number of years classified as identified in Question 7, including the current school year.	AN	139	1	0 = Records not available 1 = 1 2 = 2 3 = 3 4 = 4 or more Blank	SAIS – Calculated; where available
In what type of ELL Program is the student enrolled? (Question 9)	AN	140	1	1 = Structured English Immersion 2 = Mainstream English Classroom 3 = Waiver 1 4 = Waiver 2 5 = Waiver 3 Blank	SAIS Transaction 013, where available
Number of years in the ELL Program identified in Question 9, including the current school year	AN	141	1	0 = Records not available 1 = 1 2 = 2 3 = 3 4 = 4 or more Blank	SAIS – Calculated; where available
Disabilities	AN	142	14		
Speech/Language	AN	142	1	Y = Yes; Blank = No	SAIS Transaction



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Field Name in Pre-id File	Data Type	Start	Length	Valid Values / Rules	Source
Impairment					011 or 014, where available
Mild Mental Retardation	AN	143	1	Y = Yes; Blank = No	SAIS Transaction 011 or 014, where available
Specific Learning Disability	AN	144	1	Y = Yes; Blank = No	SAIS Transaction 011 or 014, where available
Emotional Disability	AN	145	1	Y = Yes; Blank = No	SAIS Transaction 011 or 014, where available
Moderate Mental Retardation	AN	146	1	Y = Yes; Blank = No	SAIS Transaction 011 or 014, where available
Visual Impairment	AN	147	1	Y = Yes; Blank = No	SAIS Transaction 011 or 014, where available
Hearing Impairment	AN	148	1	Y = Yes; Blank = No	SAIS Transaction 011 or 014, where available
Other Health Impairments	AN	149	1	Y = Yes; Blank = No	SAIS Transaction 011 or 014, where available
Orthopedic Impairment	AN	150	1	Y = Yes; Blank = No	SAIS Transaction 011 or 014, where available



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Field Name in Pre-id File	Data Type	Start	Length	Valid Values / Rules	Source
Traumatic Brain Injury	AN	151	1	Y = Yes; Blank = No	SAIS Transaction 011 or 014, where available
Multiple Disabilities	AN	152	1	Y = Yes; Blank = No	SAIS Transaction 011 or 014, where available
Multiple Disabilities with Severe Sensory Impairment	AN	153	1	Y = Yes; Blank = No	SAIS Transaction 011 or 014, where available
Autism	AN	154	1	Y = Yes; Blank = No	SAIS Transaction 011 or 014, where available
Severe Mental Retardation	AN	155	1	Y = Yes; Blank = No	SAIS Transaction 011 or 014, where available

- The district number, school number, district name, and school name information will be retrieved from District and School File of the Production Database which is provided by the Fulfillment Department. The district name and school name on the barcode labels will be printed as in the District and School File, not from the file provided by ADE
- If the data type is "A" (alphabetic), the Barcode application blanks any special characters in the value of the field. Example of specific characters are "-", " '", "\*". For example; if the last name of the student is "O'Neil", the barcode application will convert the value to "O Neil". The student last name will be printed as "O Neil" on the barcode label. The "-" will also be removed from the first and last name as well as any other special characters.



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- The lower case data is converted to the uppercase by the barcode process.
- SAIS Number is the unique number that represents the students. Every record will
  have unique SAIS Number. Student Id Number should not be used to differentiate the
  students within the barcode process. Barcodes will not be created for students without
  SAIS numbers.
- **Group Name** can be used as Teacher Name in the barcode process. We don't have separate Teacher Name field other than the group name.
- Student First Name / Last Name: The Master Label and Student Barcode Labels will print a maximum of 18 characters for the full student name (Last name, First name, Middle Initial -including spaces and comma). If the student's full name is greater than 18 characters, the following rules will be applied.
  - 1. If the student's full name, including spaces and comma is greater than 18 characters, one character will be removed from the end of the **first name**.
  - **2.** If the full name is still greater than 18 characters, then another character will be removed from the end of the **last name**.
  - **3.** If the full name is still greater than 18 characters, one character will again be removed from the end of the **first name**.
  - **4.** If the full name is still greater than 18 characters, one character will again be removed from the end of the **last name**.

A maximum of four characters will be removed from the worst case 22 character full name to bring the full name down to 18 characters.

For an 11 character last name, 7 character first name, and one character middle initial, a total of two characters will be removed from the end of the first name and two characters will be removed from the end of the last name.

For a 10 character last name, 7 character first name, and one character middle initial, two characters will be removed from the end of the first name and one character will be removed from the last name.

For a 9 character last name, 7 character first name, and one character middle initial, one character will be deleted from the end of the first name and one character will be removed from the end of the last name.



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### 5 How do I get a list of those students that will have a label created for this school year?

The ADE provides the ability to view a list of student names sent to CTB for AIMS Label creation. The report – SdTEST02 Test Labels Report – is available at the district level. SdTEST02 contains the following information:

- District ID (CTDS)
- District Name
- District Number
- Test Type
- School CTDS
- School Name
- School Number
- SAIS ID
- Last Name
- First Name
- Date of Birth
- Gender
- Ethnic Background
- Grade
- Cohort
- Group Name

Results are returned alphabetically by school name within the district, then alphabetically by student last name within the school.

### What should I do for students that are enrolled after the label file has been created by the ADE?

Students that enroll after the label file has been created will not receive a bar code label. The demographic data for these students will have to be hand bubbled on the students' answer documents using the instructions in the Test Administration Manual.

### 7 How do I get Braille and Large Print Test Books for my students who need them?

Braille and Large Print versions of the test are to be ordered from CTB/McGraw-Hill during the on-line test enrollment window. Instructions regarding on-line enrollment and the ordering of test materials will be mailed to test coordinators by CTB/McGraw-Hill.

#### 8 What happens if I receive labels for students who do not need to be tested or have left the school?

Do not use the label. Return the label with the non-scorable test materials.



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## Understanding the Student Bar Code Label Process for the 2006-2007 School Year

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#### Appendix A – AIMS Testing: School Year 2006-2007 Timeline

